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In re application of:

Samuel P. Weaver, et al.

Application No.: 09/658,158

Filed: September 8, 2000

For: LINEAR OPTICAL BEAM
TRANSLATOR FOR OPTICAL
ROUTING

Art Unit: 2633

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at p. 5, ll. 12-27 to read as follows:

The general functionality of one optical wavelength router that can be used with the embodiments of the invention is described in detail in the copending, commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 09/658,158, filed September 8, 2000, and is hereby incorporated by reference. The router is configured to receive a plurality of spectral bands at an input port and selectively directs subsets of the spectral bands